

MYSTERIOUS FIRE BREAKS OUT ON STEAMER

CLOUDS OF SMOKE POURING FROM VESSEL'S FOREHOLD

So Far as Those on Board Know There is No Explosion on the Freighter.

IS FORCED TO RETURN Too Soon Yet to Make an Investigation as to the Origin of the Blaze.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Mystery surrounded the fire which forced the Norwegian freight steamer Synaga to put back to its port today after having sailed yesterday for Archangel with a large cargo consigned to the Russian government. The fire broke out at quarantine and after quantities of steam had been turned into the Synaga's forehold from which clouds of smoke were pouring when it reached port it was believed the fire was virtually under control. Officers and members of the freighter's crew said that so far as they knew, no explosion preceded the fire, but they were unable to offer an explanation of how the blaze originated in a hold which they said contained only structural steel and railway material. When asked if there was any evidence indicating the fire had been of incendiary origin, the officers said "that it was too soon to make an investigation" and declined to comment on the unusual features of the blaze.

The Synaga will be docked, partly unloaded and thoroughly examined to determine the cause of the blaze. Steel rails and various forms of structural steel were said to be in the bottom of the forehold, while on top of this material was a large amount of railway supplies, chiefly steel car parts, for assembling in Russia. It could not be learned whether the vessel had any munitions on board.

PAYS A FINE.

Joseph Ladanyi, who was arrested recently for carrying liquor for another at the railroad station, paid his fine of \$100 and costs and gave bond to work out a sentence of two months within the next year Saturday morning in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court, whereupon he was released from custody.

PAYS FINE AND GIVES BOND.

Michael Popovitch, recently sentenced for carrying improperly labelled whiskey, paid his fine of \$100 and costs and gave bond to appear within a year and serve his sentence of two months on the county roads Saturday morning in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court and was released from custody.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does this town mean to you? Are you really interested in it? Do you have a feeling of pride when you hear its name mentioned? Have you done your part in putting her on the map? Shall old Clarksburg have your best efforts? She can't go forward without the support of you people who make your homes here. She can't take her rightful place in the procession of progressive twentieth century cities unless you who have your places of business and your homes here think for her, fight for her and plan for her.

BOARD OF TRADE.

PULPIT ORATOR HOLDS HEARERS SPELLBOUND IN A GREAT REVIVAL

Wonderful Meeting in Progress in First Methodist Church Promises Great Results.

What promises to be by far the greatest meeting in the history of the local Methodist church is now in progress there. This is the meeting which the pastor, Dr. King, declared must exceed anything ever attempted by the church body, and it looks not a little as if his words will prove to be prophetic. Last evening the seating capacity was pretty well taxed and the interest was perhaps as great as has ever been witnessed in the city. Even the celebrated Dr. Hamilton failed to arouse his hearers as does Dr. Morrison, the great southern pulpit orator, who is assisting the pastor in this work. Dr. Morrison is a mighty man of God; his bearing is such that he instantly commands attention and a very deep respect—a fine old man whose crown of silvery hair, clear cut intellectual face and cultured manner make of him a striking figure. He will prove a revelation to the people of this city because of the fact that he is preaching in such direct, two-edged, flaming indictments against their hypocrisy and false conception

CHARTERS

Are Issued to Two Concerns, One of Which is a Railroad Corporation.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 22.—Proposing to construct eight miles of railroad to connect by rail the town of Wyatt, Harrison county, with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Hutchinson, the Fairmont-Bingamon Railway Company of Baltimore, Md., has obtained a certificate of incorporation. The authorized capital is \$400,000. The incorporators are M. C. Byers, C. H. Porter, J. T. Middleman, H. L. Herman and H. V. Fleagle, all of Baltimore.

The General Coal Products Company of Pittsburgh has been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$300,000. The incorporators, all of Wheeling, are John P. Arbenz, Nell Moran, E. B. Shaffer, John C. Palmer, Jr., and Frank W. Nesbitt. This company proposes to develop a process for distilling coal, wood and other substances.

Omar W. Swiger was here from Wallace Saturday.

WILSON PREPARES SPEECH ON YACHT

As He and Mrs. Wilson Cruise Leisurely Down the Potomac to Chesapeake Bay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—President and Mrs. Wilson aboard the naval yacht Mayflower were cruising leisurely today down the Potomac bound for the waters of Chesapeake bay. The trip which is to occupy two days was taken to enable the president to prepare in seclusion the address he is to make in New York January 27 at the railroad's business association banquet and to tentatively draft others he is to make on national preparedness in his middle western trip.

The president carried with him a mass of data from the navy and war departments which he was to use in dictating the addresses to his stenographer. He is keeping in wireless communication with the White House.

Plans for the president's western trip, which he finally approved just before starting on the cruise last night, calls for stops at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. The trip is to begin January 28.

The president plans to return here Monday morning. The morning's news was communicated to the president by wireless today and he will be kept informed of all important business by the same means. He will be disturbed as little as possible, however, because of his desire for seclusion.

HAS LA GRIPPE.

Mrs. L. F. Kornmann is ill of la grippe at her home in Adamston. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

GIRL BABY BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wuchner, of 215 Linden avenue, are the happy parents of a girl baby, weighing nine pounds, who was brought to their home Saturday morning by the stork. Mr. Wuchner is a member of the Parsons-Souders force.

Wild Ride on Elephant

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The story of a woman's wild ride on the back of an elephant is related in a suit for \$20,000 damages brought by Mrs. Willie Gee against the New York Zoological Society, under whose care the elephant was kept in Bronx Park.

One of the interesting details of the suit is that Mrs. Gee alleges the zoological society used the elephant as a "common carrier" for carrying passengers for pay. She charges that it was the duty of the society to provide her with a safe place to ride on and that the elephant should have been docile.

Instead, she said, she was sitting on the elephant's back when the animal began to run around the enclosure and then made a dash for the doorway into the elephant house. Employees of the park called out to her to jump off the elephant's back and she did so just in time to dodge the door casing as the elephant went through the doorway. In the fall Mrs. Gee averts she suffered injuries for which she seeks \$20,000 damages.

MRS. HIGHLAND'S CONDITION.

The condition of Mrs. V. L. Highland at her home on East Main street, which the story, visited a few days ago, is not as satisfactory as members of the family had hoped for, but improvement is believed to be at hand.

SITUATION IN THE BALKANS IS SOMEWHAT CLOUDED NOW

COLD WAVE

Sweeping Eastward from the Rocky Mountain Region Will Bring Relief.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—A cold wave, said by the weather bureau to be sweeping eastward from the Rocky mountain regions today is held out as bringing hope for relief from the flood conditions which prevailed in northern Illinois and neighboring states yesterday as a result of heavy rains. Thousands of persons temporarily were made homeless and the property loss is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Several cities also are facing a possibility of epidemics as a result of pollution of their drinking water by the flood.

SHRINER'S TRIP

To Buffalo to Attend Session of the Imperial Council is Arranged.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 22.—The Nemesis Temple, Ancient Accepted Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has closed the contract for the trip to Buffalo to attend the session of the Imperial council. The trip will extend for several days beyond the time of the meeting, which is July 10, 11 and 12. The Sentinel several days ago made mention of the long trip contemplated and the arrangements with several passenger transportation companies for a trip on the St. Lawrence river. The contract has now been closed and the following committees named:

Committee to arrange for the pilgrimage—H. W. Russell, James A. Bryan and W. A. Huff. Committee to purchase new uniforms for the patrol—E. R. Patton, T. R. Cowell and I. W. Coffman of Clarksburg.

J. V. Murray, of Charleston, is a visitor here.

By the Paucity of Direct News and Decided Conflicts in the Advises.

NEGOTIATIONS STILL ON Further Successes against the Turks Are Claimed by the

Russian Forces.

The Balkans continue to take precedence in the war news, both Montenegro and Greece being points of notable interest. The situation in each, however, is somewhat clouded by paucity of direct news and decided conflicts in such advices as are received.

Further reports regarding the resumption of hostilities between Montenegro and Austria, following a rejection of peace terms by the former are lacking, and there is small disposition in Teutonic quarters even to admit that there has been any break in the negotiations. A Berlin despatch early today, however, quoted a Cologne newspaper as conceding that obstacles had arisen during the negotiations and that there had been a refusal of a part of the Montenegrin army to lay down its arms.

Of the field of war in Asia despatches late last night from Petragrad claimed further successes for the Russians against the Turks in the Caucasus campaign, the Russian official statement declaring that the Turkish army in the vicinity of Erzerum had been defeated and was retreating precipitately to the protection of the Euxine fort.

There is discussion in Germany of a separate peace between Germany and Belgium and a Berlin despatch quotes an influential Frankfurt newspaper as suggesting that Belgium ought not to wait too long before taking up the subject as Belgium, which until now had been considered as an object of exchange by the German chancellor, would come to be considered a good prize.

FIVE-CENTS

Is Added to the Price of North and South Lima Crude Oil.

FINDLAY, O., Jan. 22.—The Ohio Oil Company added five cents a barrel to the price of North and South Lima, Ind., Wooster and Plymouth oils today. This puts the price of North and South Lima at \$1.48, within one cent per barrel of the highest ever reached by this grade. Indiana is now \$1.33, Wooster, \$1.65, and Plymouth, \$1.58. No change was made in Illinois or Princeton grades.

IS RECOVERING.

Mrs. R. M. Smith, who has been very ill of la grippe in her apartment in the Payne building on West Pike street, is slowly recovering.

WINDOW GLASS TO BRING MORE

Than It Does Now before the End of the Fire is the Prediction Now.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 22.—Another advance in the price of window glass before the end of the fire is the prediction according to the Glassworker, which says:

Window glass has not yet reached its price limit, according to men prominently identified with the industry and supposed to be the best posted as to the tendencies of the market.

The quotations will rise ten to fifteen points, or even a shade higher, is said to be a strong probability, and it is further predicted that the change will be made fully as unexpectedly as was the last.

It would not surprise certain men if glass is quoted at 80 before the end of the fire.

This prediction was made Tuesday at the meeting of the Western Glass Jobbers in Chicago, and while the jobbers did not seem to take the warning very much to heart, the prophecy stands to be fulfilled.

WESTERN JOBBERS AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Forty-one members of the Western Glass Jobbers' Association were on hand last Tuesday to attend the regular monthly meeting of the organization, which was held in the Congress hotel, the usual meeting place. The interest was high on account of the recent price talk.

The all-day session of the jobbers had more to do with the plate glass than with the window glass situation. No change is contemplated by the jobbers in the matter of window glass. Plate glass is in the hands of a committee which was appointed, and it is not at all improbable that the western jobbers will declare another advance on plate glass in the near future. The jobbers express themselves as well pleased with the present situation.

REPORTS OF VILLA'S CAPTURE NOT TRUE

MRS. GOLDEN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Lovable Bridgeport Woman Succumbs to Long Illness of Heart Disease.

BRIDGEPORT, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Mary Jane Golden, aged 68, widow of Porter Golden, died at 6 o'clock Friday evening at her home here after a long illness of heart disease.

Surviving Mrs. Golden are three daughters and one son, namely, Cecil and Miss Esta, at home; and Mrs. William Westfall and Mrs. David Ross, both of Weston. Her husband, who was a widely-known blacksmith, died a number of years ago.

Mrs. Golden was a prominent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church since her girlhood. She was an exemplary Christian woman, a loving mother and a gracious friend and neighbor.

The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon. A service will be held at the late home and burial will follow at the Odd Fellows' cemetery with the Rev. B. S. Hamrick, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating.

NORLEMAN HERE.

Count Rochno M. zu Lynar, of New York, accompanied by Frank L. A. Schwarz, also of New York, arrived in the city Saturday morning and engaged a room for several days at the Waldo hotel.

H. Roy Waugh, of Buckhannon, is a visitor here. Louis E. Black is here from Parkersburg.

FAMOUS SWIMMER HELPS THE FRENCH



Mrs. Arthur Hamilton.

The first woman to swim the Solent, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, has been utilizing her strength recently by working for the troops at the front in northern France. She is now at home for a rest in London, where she is well known in society. Mrs. Hamilton is famous as a long-distance swimmer, and is the holder of five medals.

HELD IN JAIL

At Parkersburg for the Grand Jury Next Week is Clarksburg Italian.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 22.—Buel Ross an Italian from Clarksburg, who was arrested at Williamstown by Officer Bush on the charge of bootlegging, has been arraigned before Mayor Carlyle and, after a hearing, was held for the grand jury which convenes here Monday. He could not give the \$500 bond required and was brought here and placed in jail. In Ross's possession was found a suit case containing six quarts and twelve pints of whiskey. Immediately after Ross's arrest, another suit case was found abandoned at the Ohio river division station at Williamstown which was full of bottles of whiskey. Like Ross's grip, it was labelled and is supposed to have been the property of some other bootlegger, who witnessed the arrest of the Italian and, becoming alarmed, dropped his grip and took the next train out of the village.

MRS. JOIS DEAD.

Mrs. Peter Jois, aged 24 years, died at 7 o'clock Friday night in a local hospital, following a lingering illness of a complication of diseases. The funeral services will be held at the Warner Undertaking Company's mortuary chapel Saturday evening and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery Sunday.

C. E. Smith, of Fairmont, United States marshal, was here Friday night on his way home from Parkersburg, where he had been attending federal court.

CHOSEN PRESIDENT BY UNANIMOUS VOTE



Charles Lathrop Pack.

Charles Lathrop Pack, financier, worker in many public-spirited movements and one of the fathers of the conservation movement, was unanimously elected president of the American Forestry Association at its thirty-fifth annual convention in Boston a few days ago. He succeeds Dr. Henry S. Drinker, president of Lehigh University, who retired during the association made long strides forward.

PEKING, China, Jan. 22.—The rebels in the province of Yunan have defeated a body of government troops and are moving northward.

REBELS WIN VICTORY.

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